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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 8, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THOMAS W. LAVENA,
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 THOMAS W. LAVENIA
 ROBERT MAHEU ASSOCIATES
 ALLEGED WIRE TAPPING ACTIVITIES

Washington, D.C.

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At 2:45 p. m. today, [redacted] with the [redacted] [redacted] called and spoke with [redacted] in my office. [redacted] advised that he has Suite [redacted] in the Machinists Building located at 1300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. He advised there is an investigator's office immediately adjacent to his and that the door to the office carries the name of Thomas W. Lavena. He stated Lavena had moved into his suite about two years ago. [redacted] said he had met Lavena on several occasions, that the latter told him he was engaged in "high level" investigative activities for industry and for the Government. [redacted] added that somehow he had gained the impression that Lavena may have been a Special Agent of the FBI, but he had nothing positive to support his recollection in this regard. He described Lavena as a well-dressed individual, heavy-set, approximately 40 years of age.

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[redacted] said that he is quite certain that for the past week there have been wire tap activities going on next door in Lavena's offices. He explained that the walls are rather thin and that several times it sounded as though there was an overamplified tape recording, the volume of which would be modulated after he was able to hear a few words. He said that this afternoon he was able to hear a few words of a conversation in which a woman was talking about a present and the woman mentioned that she did not want to talk more about the present over the telephone. According to [redacted] he has heard what apparently are intercepts of conversations between two men during this past week.

[redacted] said he was aware that such wire tapping activities are a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction. He said he is more than willing to cooperate in any way possible in the event we want to check this matter out further with him. He said he would be glad to give the Bureau the use of his office space or lend any possible assistance.

1 - Mr. Parsons
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Jones
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DeLoach to Mohr

Bufiles reflect that one Thomas Lavina contacted the New York City Anti-Crime Committee on November 27, 1955, and requested some information re James R. Hoffa. At the time of his call, Lavina stated he was employed by Robert Mahieu Associates in Washington, D. C. Based on data available, Lavina is not otherwise identifiable in Bufiles.

The current telephone directory reflects Thomas W. LaVenia with office address of 1300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington. This listing indicates he has a mobile telephone and reflects also his home address as 500 Midway Lane, Alexandria, Virginia.

RECOMMENDATION :

That this memorandum be brought to the attention of the Investigative Division in order that appropriate referral may be made to the Department.

ADDENDUM: (HPL:geg) 7-8-60

An additional file check under the name of Thomas W. LaVenia reflects this individual was the subject of a special inquiry in 1954. This individual worked for the Secret Service and apparently had got into difficulties while in assignment in Hyde Park, New York, prior to World War II. An applicant investigation picked up allegations that LaVenia was a "low-moral character." In 1953, LaVenia was with the McCarthy Committee. (77-47707)

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THOMAS W. LAVENIA
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On July 8, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] Suite [redacted] Machinists Building,
1300 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.,
advised that the office next to his is occupied by an
investigator, Thomas W. Lavenia. Mr. Stevenson related
that Lavenia has told him he is engaged in "high level"
investigative activities for industry and for the Government.

[redacted] believes that wire tapping activities
have taken place in Lavenia's office for the past week.
[redacted] has heard what he thought was an overamplified
tape recording on several occasions. On the afternoon of
July 8, 1960, he was able to hear a few words of a conversation
in which a woman was talking about a present and the woman
mentioned she did not want to talk any more about the present
over the telephone. [redacted] believes that during
the past week he has also heard what seemed to be intercepts
of conversations between two men.

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regarding James R. Hoffa. Lavinia stated he was employed by
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An applicant-type investigation conducted in 1954
of one Thomas W. Lavenia who had been employed by Secret
Service prior to World War II developed allegations that
Lavenia was of low moral character.

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